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DETAILED ACTION***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments, see the filed appeal brief, filed on September 29th, 2005, with respect to claims 2-5 and 7-22 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The previous office action of May 17th, 2005 has been withdrawn. The prosecution is reopened.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims **2 through 5, 7 through 18 and 23 through 26** are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims **19 through 22 and 27** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nelli et al. ('193) in view of Schaub ('331). **Referring to claims 19 through 22 and 27**, Nelli discloses the applicant's invention as claimed with the exception of disclosing the use of cyanuric acid. It is well known in the art that cyanuric acid is frequently utilized as a stabilizer for the chlorine used to sanitize swimming pools (see applicant's disclosure pages 1 and 2). Schaub discloses a dispenser to dispense chemicals, such as cyanuric acid into swimming pools (see abstract). The float dispenser floats on a swimming pool and carries a tablet, which dispenses into the water. Schaub teaches that the tablet used in the dispenser may comprise cyanuric acid compound (see

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column 4 lines 40-45). Therefore it would have been obvious to modify Nelli's invention by dispensing cyanuric acid in order to stabilize chlorine in a swimming pool.

Nelli also fails to disclose a bag that is replaceable. Schaub discloses a dispenser to dispense chemicals that does provide a bag that is replaceable. Therefore it would have been obvious to modify Nelli's invention by providing a replaceable bag in order to enable a user to reuse the device.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

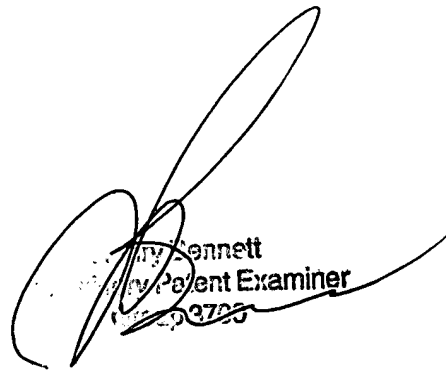
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nihir Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-4803. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 to 4:30 every other Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Bennett can be reached on (571) 272-4791. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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